

REMARKS

In the non-final office action, the Examiner indicated allowability of claims 1-19 and 22-26. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indicated allowability of these claims.

Claims 20 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hayes et al. (US 6,380,903) in view of Pankinaho (US 6,498,586). Applicants amended claims 20 and 21 to more clearly define the subject matter. The amended claims 20 and 21 now relate to similar subject matter as defined in the already allowed independent claim 1. The amended claims now focus on the particular type of connection of the RF line to the radiating element by means of a connecting bar as shown in Fig. 2 and Fig. 3C of the present application.

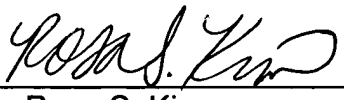
Accordingly, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 20 and 21 are now allowable over the cited art.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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